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Docket: A-1610

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I believe I am the original first and sole inventor (if only one name is listed below) or an original, first and joint inventor (if plural names are listed below) of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled SINGLE-TAILED SUTURING METHOD AND APPARATUS, the specification of which (check one)

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I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above.

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STATEMENT UNDER 37 CFR 3.73(b)Applicant/Patent Owner: ArthroCare CorporationApplication No./Patent No.: 10/750,287Filed/Issue Date: December 31, 2003Entitled: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR ATTACHING CONNECTIVE TISSUES TO BONE USING A SELF-LOCKING KNOTLESS SUTURE ANCHORING DEVICEArthroCare Corporationa Delaware corporation

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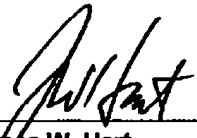
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Case#	Title	Cntry	Application Number	Filing Date	Patent Number	Issue Date
OP-1	Method And Apparatus For Attaching Connective Tissues To Bone Using A Knotless Suture Anchoring Device	US	09/475,495	12/30/99	6,524,317	02/25/03
		US	10/327,546	12/20/02		
OP-2	Single-Tailed Suturing Method and Apparatus	US	09/515,360	02/29/00	6,296,659	10/02/01
		US	10/750,287	12/31/03		
		WO	PCT/US01/28190	09/07/01	WO 03/022161	03/20/03
OP-3	Dual Function Suturing Apparatus and Method	US	09/547,171	04/11/00	6,533,795	03/18/03
		US	10/352,655	01/28/03		
OP-4	Method And Apparatus For Attaching Connective Tissues to Bone Using a Suture Anchoring Device	US	09/616,802	07/14/00	6,582,453	06/24/03
		US	10/431,621	05/07/03		
OP-5	Linear Suturing Apparatus Method	US	09/668,055	09/21/00	6,585,730	07/01/03
		US	10/396,655	03/25/03		
OP-6	Method And Apparatus for Attaching Connective Tissue to Bone Using a Knotless Suture Anchoring Device	US	09/651,253	08/30/00	6,585,730	07/01/03
		WO	PCT/US01/17689	06/01/01	WO 02/17795	03/07/02
		US	10/430,961	05/06/03		

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OP-7	Method And Apparatus For Attaching Connective Tissues to Bone Using A Perforated Suture Anchoring Device					
		US	09/687,185	10/13/00	6,652,561	11/25/03
		US	10/690,438	10/21/03		
OP-8	Method and Apparatus For Attaching Connective Tissues to Bone Using a Self-Locking Knotless Suture Anchoring Device					
		US	09/706,185	11/02/00	6,520,980	02/18/03
		US	10/352,657	01/28/03		
OP-9	Method And Apparatus For Attaching Connective Tissues to Bone Using a Cortical Bone Anchoring Device					
		US	09/876,260	06/06/01	6,547,800	04/15/03
		US	10/396,886	03/25/03		
		WO	PCT/US02/17493			
OP-10	Method And Apparatus For Attaching Connective Tissues to Bone Using a Knotless Suture Anchoring Device					
		US	10/067,164	02/04/02		
		WO	PCT/US02/41018	12/19/02	WO 03/065904	08/14/03
OP-11	Method And Apparatus For Attaching Connective Tissues to Bone Using a Suture Anchoring Device					
		US	09/876,341	06/07/01	6,660,008	12/09/03
		US	10/690,351	10/21/03		
OP-12	Method And Apparatus For Attaching Connective Tissues to Bone Using a Knotless Suture Anchoring Device	US	09/781,793	02/12/01		

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OP-13	Method And Apparatus For Attaching Connective Tissues to Bone Using a Knotless Suture Anchoring Device	US	09/876,488	06/07/01		
		WO	PCT/US02/04231	02/12/02		
		US	10/879,663	06/29/04		
		US	10/879,669	06/29/04		
OP-14	Bone Anchor Insertion Device	US	10/077,574	02/15/02	6,780,198	08/24/04
		WO	PCT/US02/38632	12/06/02	WO 03/049620	06/10/03
		US	10/885,282	07/06/04		
OP-15	Percutaneous Suturing Apparatus And Method	US	09/909,928	07/20/01	6,605,096	08/12/03
		WO	PCT/US02/22889	07/18/02	WO 03/007799	01/30/03
		US	10/452,889	06/02/03		
OP-16	Devices And Methods For Repairing Soft Tissue	US	10/299,171	11/19/02		
		WO	PCT/US03/35695	11/06/03	WO2004/045367	06/03/04
OP-17	Suture Capture Device	US	10/308,732	12/03/02		
		WO	PCT/US03/18540	06/12/03	WO2004/002324	01/08/04
		US	10/856,716	05/28/04		
OP-18	High Performance Suture	US	10/803,471	03/18/04		
		WO	PCT/US04/08313	03/18/04	WO2004/082466	09/30/04
OP-19	Optimized Suture Braid	US	10/803,455	03/18/04		
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SUTURE ANCHORING DEVICE

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TITLE: SINGLE-TAILED SUTURING METHOD AND APPARATUS

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TITLE: DUAL FUNCTION SUTURING APPARATUS AND METHOD

SERIAL NUMBER: 10431621 FILING DATE: 05/07/2003
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TITLE: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR ATTACHING CONNECTIVE TISSUES TO BONE USING
A SUTURE ANCHORING DEVICE

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TITLE: LINEAR SUTURING APPARATUS AND METHODS

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TITLE: LINEAR SUTURING APPARATUS AND METHODS

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TITLE: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR ATTACHING CONNECTIVE TISSUES TO BONE USING
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LOCKING KNOTLESS SUTURE ANCHORING DEVICE

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TITLE: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR ATTACHING CONNECTIVE TISSUES TO BONE USING
A CORTICAL BONE ANCHORING DEVICE

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PATENT NUMBER: ISSUE DATE:
TITLE: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR ATTACHING CONNECTIVE TISSUES TO BONE USING
A KNOTLESS SUTURE ANCHORING DEVICE

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TITLE: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR ATTACHING CONNECTIVE TISSUES TO BONE USING
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TITLE: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR ATTACHING CONNECTIVE TISSUES TO BONE USING
A KNOTLESS SUTURE ANCHORING DEVICE

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A KNOTLESS SUTURE ANCHORING DEVICE

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A KNOTLESS SUTURE ANCHORING DEVICE

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TITLE: BONE ANCHOR INSERTION DEVICE

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TITLE: PERCUTANEOUS SUTURING APPARATUS AND METHOD

SERIAL NUMBER: 10299171 FILING DATE: 11/19/2002
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TITLE: DEVICES AND METHODS FOR REPAIRING SOFT TISSUE

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TITLE: SUTURE CAPTURE DEVICE

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TITLE: HIGH PERFORMANCE SUTURE

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TITLE: OPTIMIZED SUTURE BRAID

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A KNOTLESS SUTURE ANCHORING DEVICE

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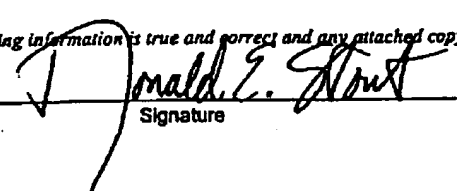
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ASSIGNMENT

WHEREAS, I, SETH A. FOERSTER of the City of San Clemente, State of California, have invented certain new and useful improvements in

**METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR ATTACHING CONNECTIVE TISSUES TO BONE
USING A KNOTLESS SUTURE ANCHORING DEVICE**

for which the said SETH A. FOERSTER executed application papers for a patent application having been filed on February 29, 2000, and assigned United States Serial Number 09/515,360; and

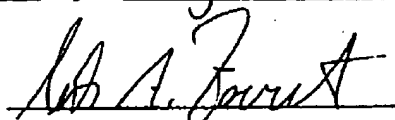
WHEREAS, OPUS MEDICAL, INC., a California corporation, hereinafter called Assignee, having its place of business at 27132 B Espada, Suite 1222, San Juan Capistrano, CA 92675, is desirous of acquiring our entire right, title and interest in and to the aforesaid invention and in and to any and all Letters Patent therefor granted in the United States of America, and in any and all countries foreign thereto;

NOW, THEREFORE, TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN, be it known that, for and in consideration of the sum of ONE DOLLAR (\$1.00) to me in hand paid by Assignee, and other good and valuable consideration, the receipt and sufficiency of which are hereby acknowledged, I, SETH A. FOERSTER by these presents sell, assign and transfer unto Assignee, its successors and assigns, the full and exclusive right, title and interest for the territory of the United States of America and all countries foreign thereto (including the right to apply for Letters Patent in foreign countries in its own name and to claim any priority rights for such foreign applications to which such applications are entitled under international conventions, treaties, or otherwise), in and to the said invention as described in said application, and in and to all Letters Patent granted therefor, and all divisions, reissues and continuations

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thereof, and I hereby authorize and request the Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks to issue all Letters Patent on said inventions or resulting therefrom to said Assignee, as assignee of my entire right, title and interest, and I covenant that I have full right so to do and agree that I will communicate to said Assignee, or its successors any and all facts known to us regarding said invention whenever requested, and will testify in any legal proceeding, sign all lawful papers, execute all divisional, reissue and continuation applications, and generally do everything possible to aid said Assignee, its successors and assigns, to obtain and enforce proper patent protection for said invention in all countries.

Executed this 14th day of August, 2000.


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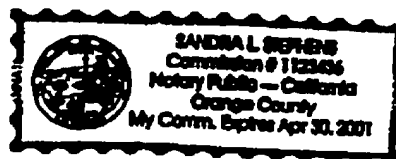
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On 8-14-00, before me SANDRA L. Stephens, personally appeared SETH A. FOERSTER personally known to me (or proved to me on the basis of satisfactory evidence) to be the person(s) whose name(s) is/are subscribed to the within instrument and acknowledged to me that he/she/they executed the same in his/her/their authorized capacity(ies), and that by his/her/their signature(s) on the instrument the person(s) or the entity upon behalf of which the person(s) acted, executed the instrument.

Witness my hand and official seal.

Signature





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